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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE  
Reformed Church in America,  
HOLLAND, MICH.

1896-'97.



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1897.

## CALENDAR.

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1896.

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| Sept. | 1.  | Entrance Examinations.         |
| "     | 2.  | Term Opens.                    |
| Nov.  | 26. | Thanksgiving Recess begins.    |
| Dec.  | 18. | Beginning of Christmas Recess. |

1897.

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|------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan. | 5.     | Work Resumed.                        |
| Jan. | 28.    | Prayer for Colleges.                 |
| Apr. | 26.    | Meeting of Board of Superintendents. |
| "    | 26-28. | Examinations.                        |
| "    | 28.    | Commencement Exercises in Evening.   |
|      |        | VACATION.                            |

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| Aug.  | 31. | Entrance Examinations.         |
| Sept. | 1.  | Term Begins.                   |
| Nov.  | 24. | Thanksgiving Recess begins.    |
| Dec.  | 17. | Beginning of Christmas Recess. |

1898.

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| Jan. | 4. | Work Resumed. |
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## COURSE OF STUDY.

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### Junior Year.

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#### PROF. BEARDSLEE.

##### EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

Elements of Hebrew. Grammatical Forms. Inductive Study, based on reading of the text. Selections from the Pentateuch.

In Greek.—Acts of the Apostles.

#### PROF. DOSKER.

Greek Harmony and Exegesis of the Gospels. Archeology. Sacred Geography Hermeneutics (Terry's). Organic unity of the Sacred Scriptures. Biblical Symbolism.

##### HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

Sacred History (Kurtz). General Scope of Revelation. Contrast between Judæism and Paganism. Rise and Development of the Kingdom of God. Comparative Data of Sacred and Profane History.

#### PROF. WINTER.

##### SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Introduction. Encyclopedia. Symbolics.

##### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Theory of Preaching. Analysis of Sermons. Homiletical Exercises.



## MIDDLE YEAR.

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### PROF. BEARDSLEE.

#### EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

Hebrew Etymology and Syntax. Old Testament Introduction. Messianic Prophecy. Readings from Historical Books.

In Greek.—Exegetical Study of the Epistles to the Hebrews, and Corinthians. Sight Reading. Book of Revelation and Paul's Minor Epistles.

### PROF. DOSKER.

#### HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

Primitive History of the Church. Christ and His Apostles. Ancient and Mediaeval Church History. Struggle between the Roman Empire and the Church. Victory of the latter. Contact between Philosophy and Theology. Life and Morals of the Church. Sects, Schools, and Heresies. Asceticism and Fanaticism. The Dawn of the Reformation.

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#### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Homiletics. Church Government. Pastoral Theology, Lectures.

## SENIOR YEAR.

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Hebrew Prophetical and Poetical Books. Selections from Historical Books. Aramaic.

In Greek.—Introduction to New Testament. Exegetical Study of Romans and Writings of John. Sight Reading from Pastoral and Catholic Epistles.

### PROF. DOSKER.

#### HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

The Reformation. The Age of Symbols. Doctrinal struggle in the Protestant Church. Catholic Reaction. Deformation and Protestant Scholasticism. Rise and Development of Rationalism. Deism and Atheism. Secularism. Missions. The Church of Christ and Christian Society in the 19th Century.

### PROF. WINTER.

#### SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Lectures. Subjective Soteriology. Ecclesiology. Eschatology. Apologetics. Ethics, Review of the whole System.

#### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Homiletics. Homiletical Exercises. Pastoral Theology. Catechetics. Church Government. Theory of Missions.

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N. B.—Church Government, Ethics, Catechetics, Theory of Missions, and Homiletics are divided between Middle and Senior Year.

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

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### ADMISSION.

The Seminary is open for the admission of students from every denomination of Christians.

A Committee of the Board of Superintendents, on the reception of students, meets on the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in September, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Every applicant is required to present a certificate of church membership and one of literary qualifications. One who has not pursued a regular Collegiate course must give proof by testimonials or examination of such literary attainments as will enable him to enter upon the course of studies in the school.

The requirement of the Constitution in regard to students preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church, is as follows:

“Every person contemplating the work of the ministry, before he commences his course of Theological studies, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his being a member in full communion and good standing of a Reformed Protestant Church; of his piety, ability, and literary attainments; and thereupon shall be admitted into one of the Theological Schools: and during the prosecution of his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations thereof; and when he shall have completed the prescribed course and term of Theological studies, shall be admitted to an examination according to the regulations of the school as established by the General Synod; and if found qualified, shall receive a professorial certificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination for licensure before the Classis to which he belongs.”—*Constitution; Art. II. Sec. 2.*

#### THE YEAR.

The Seminary opens on the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in September, when the Committee meets for the reception of students, and closes on the last Wednesday in April, with the annual Commencement.

#### PREACHING.

The students preach regularly before the Faculty and Students, subject to such criticism as may be appropriate. They also preach in the churches, especially such as are vacant, under the direction of the Faculty.

#### MISSION WORK.

The Students are organized as a Mission Band and hold themselves in readiness to attend any calls to address meetings, where they can advocate the cause of Missions.

Mr. Peter Semelink has established a Scholarship of \$2,000, the income of which is to be paid to a student in the Seminary, preference being given to one looking forward to the Foreign Missionary Work.

#### LIBRARY.

The Chambers Library, in the Semelink Family Hall is now an efficient working Theological Library, of about 4000 volumes. For general literature the students have free use of the Graves Library of Hope College.

#### ADELPHIC SOCIETY.

This is a weekly gathering of the Professors and Students for the discussion of questions relating to the practical work of the ministry. The exercises embrace debates, essays, and general discussions.



#### COMMENCEMENT.

The Theological Commencement Exercises take place on Wednesday evening, at the close of the year. Addresses are delivered by the Seniors, in English and Dutch, and by some member of the Board of Superintendents appointed for the purpose.

#### BENEFICIARY AID.

Instruction is entirely gratuitous. Young men are aided by the Board of Education as their circumstances require and the funds admit, not only while in the Seminary, but in the studies preparatory to entering it. Rooms are provided in Van Vleck Hall, and board can be obtained in the city or at the Students' Clubs at from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per week.

#### SEMELINK FAMILY HALL.

This building, erected by Mr. Peter Semelink, contains Recitation Rooms, Library and Chapel; is erected on one of the most desirable lots in the city, just South of the College Campus; and contains every convenience for Seminary work.

#### EXAMINATIONS.

At the close of the year a written examination of all the classes, and on all the branches of study, is held before a committee of the Board of Superintendents, beginning Monday, April 26, at 11 o'clock a. m., and this is followed by an oral examination before the full Board on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week. Special written examinations are held during the year as the work requires.

#### LOCATION.

Holland is situated at the head of Macatawa Bay, which opens into Lake Michigan, giving it all the attraction of boating, with daily steamers for Chicago and other points. It has good railroad facilities, and offers many attractions as a place of residence.